

RELIGION TO SOLVE LABOR PROBLEMS

Commissioner Wright De-
clares Legislation
Impotent.

REFORMS WROUGHT BY FORCE

Warfare Now One of Intellect—Question
Must Be Placed on an Altruistic Basis
—Decalogue a Good Labor Platform—
Socialism Not a Remedy.

Hon. Carroll D. Wright, United States
Commissioner of Labor, delivered an in-
teresting lecture last night at the Ca-
tholic University upon the labor prob-
lems.

Mr. Wright outlined the history of labor
from the origin of industry, and defined
the primal problems that presented
themselves in the early history of the
race. The broader and more vital prob-
lems which attach to the labor question
of today, he maintained, came into ex-
istence twenty-five years ago. Contin-
uing, Mr. Wright said:

Reforms Wrought by Force.

"Every great reform has been wrought
by force. Formerly such results were
achieved by resort to arms. In this day
the conflict is one of intellect. War is
still the factor, but only in the philo-
sophical sense of conquest. The contest
is for a higher plane of living.

"Every phase of the present problems
of labor has been touched upon in the
past and remedies sought. It is perfectly
natural and human that men should seek
an immediate panacea for existing evil.

"John Stuart Mill has said that there
is not any one abuse or injustice by the
abolishment of which the human race can
pass to happiness. How much greater are
the difficulties when we try to solve the
whole range of this mighty question.

How to Soften the Struggle.

"The question is not how to kill or re-
move the cause, but to soften the strug-
gle. To this end many remedies have
been suggested.

"First, thorough legislation. Now, if any
effort has proved fallible, it is the
attempt to secure good, pure individual
character by statutory enactment.

"You may read the history of the world
in its statutes; yet statutes are not the
leaders, but the followers of the popular
voice. Laws are but the crystallization
of public sentiment, and it is such which
may exert an educational influence. But they
can never serve as a solution of social
and chronic problems.

Intellectual Measures.

"Then there is compulsory inspection
of factories, which is a mere police regu-
lation. We have had this inspection for
years, yet the problem still exists. We
have laws fixing liability for accident to
employees, but they have not relieved
the strain. Laws for the betterment of
sanitary conditions have wrought worthy
reforms, but they have not touched the
heart of the problem.

"Lessening the hours of labor has
proved beneficial, but to a very limited
extent. As for arbitration, while I am
favorable to the system in adjusting dif-
ferences between nations, or between em-
ployers and employees, yet I cannot see
in it a solution.

"Arbitration means simply the inter-
ference of the public in the relations of
employer and employee. When these re-
lations, as in the case of great strikes,
reach a point where they affect the gen-
eral welfare, society has a right to say
what shall be done in the matter. But law
has always failed to adjust wages, and its
efforts in that direction have done more
harm than good.

The Spirit of Suspicion.

"Much of the harm resulting from a
necessary reduction of wages consists in
the spirit of suspicion engendered. The
worker fights against the cut because he
knows that he must fight again for an in-
crease.

"The single tax doctrine and national-
ism are questions too vast for discussion.
But it is safe to say that when the single
tax advocate can demonstrate to us that
one-half or even one-tenth of the benefits
they claim for their system are possible,
we will gladly become single taxers.

Socialism as a Remedy.

"Socialism is the most ambitious rem-
edy that has been offered. Socialism can-
not be well defined. It has been likened to
a great rubber band, which may be stretch-
ed and stretched until it seems to com-
pass the whole of society, but finally it
reaches a point where the strain is too
great and it gives way altogether.

"Socialism is a question of quantity.
Applied to the individual character and
conduct, it gives much of good. It will not
admit of a large application.

"Socialism is not a political principle, be-
cause it has no God in it. It embodies no
God because it does not recognize the
God-given qualities in human nature. It
is not a constitution. It is not a law. It
has no justice, no humanity, no progress.

Religion the Solution.

"The Decalogue is as good a labor plat-
form as any. In religion we find the
highest form of solution yet offered. Next
to religion comes constructive evolu-
tion, that evolution which believes man is
growing into the co-ordinative man.

"We are to have a new law of wages,
grown out of the religious thought. The
old struggle was for existence. The new
struggle is for a wider spiritual margin.
The application of this religious idea is
the true solution of the labor problem.
The whole question must be placed on an
altruistic basis. Man's average conduct
is not better than his character. His
treatment of his fellows is consistent
with his sense of justice.

"Out of this new struggle is growing a
new political economy. It holds all
things contained in the old, but there
are many additions. The new economy
looks largely to the care and comfort of
man. The new religion is one of pro-
gress, and one of its results will be the
alliance of ethics and economics.

"Religion forecasts the social destiny
of man. The remedy may effect a relief,
but not a cure. There is to be a con-
tinual struggle, so let us soften that
struggle as best we may."

Fugitive Boy Taken Into Custody.

Detective Evans, of the Second precinct,
yesterday afternoon arrested Orestis
Travis on a charge of being a fugitive
from his parents. The parents of the lad
notified the police that the boy had been
missing since Thursday morning.

Cut His Wife in the Hand.

During an altercation yesterday after-
noon, Mary Johnson, colored, living at
2529 K Street northwest, was cut on the
hand by her husband, Andrew Johnson.
Both parties were arrested and charged
with disorderly conduct.

OXFORD CREW BOWS TO SKILL OF CAMBRIDGE

Finishes Lengths Behind Her
Vigorous Rival.

WINNERS LED FROM START

Sons of Mr. John G. Milburn, at Whose
Home President McKinley Died, in De-
feated Boat—Were Thought to Be Sure
to Work the Trick.

LONDON, March 22.—The annual uni-
versity boat race from Putney to Mort-
lake was rowed today, and was won by
the Cambridge crew, which finished four
lengths ahead of the Oxford eight. The
winner's time was 19:59.

The weather was changeable and un-
favorable for the race. There were smart
showers in the morning, alternating with
bright intervals. The wind was light and
the water smooth. Both crews took a
short spin before 11 o'clock.

In the toss for choice of position Cam-
bridge won and chose the Surrey side,
which gave that crew an advantage until
Barnes was reached.

Cambridge in Lead.

The crews got off with Cambridge
slightly in the lead. At the start Cam-
bridge was rowing thirty-six and Oxford
thirty-five strokes to the minute. Cam-
bridge was a length and a half ahead at
Hammermith bridge.

At Chiswick Eyot, half the distance
over the course, Cambridge led by three
lengths.

Cambridge won easily. At Barnes Bridge
Cambridge was only paddling, and finished
four lengths ahead.

Cambridge was rowing splendidly at the
end, while Oxford was very sluggish.

Line-Up of Crews.

The crews made up as follows, the
weights being those taken after the prac-
tice on March 12:

OXFORD.

Position.	Name.	Weight.
Row.	G. C. Drinkwater (Wadham)	152
Stroke.	P. Milburn (Russett)	171 1/2
Sculler.	J. Younger (New College)	180 1/2
Four.	J. H. Hale (Balliol)	182
Five.	J. G. Milburn (Trinity)	175 1/2
Six.	A. de la Long (New College)	184
Seven.	H. Adams (Christ Church)	179
Eight.	F. O. J. Huntley (University)	161
Cox.	G. C. Maclean (Magdalen)	118

CAMBRIDGE.

Position.	Name.	Weight.
Row.	W. H. Chapman (Trinity)	158
Stroke.	T. Dwyer (Jesus)	171
Sculler.	P. H. Thomas (Trinity)	174 1/2
Four.	C. W. H. Taylor (Trinity)	177
Five.	F. J. Eschsch (Trinity Hall)	175
Six.	H. B. Gyle (First Trinity)	179
Seven.	J. Edwards-Moss (Trinity)	173 1/2
Eight.	R. H. Squire (Trinity)	160
Cox.	H. C. S. Washbrough (Trinity Hall)	117

Yankee Oarsmen.

The brothers Milburn, of the Oxford
crew, are the sons of John G. Milburn,
the well-known lawyer of Buffalo, who
was president of the Pan-American Ex-
position, and at whose house President
McKinley died.

The Oxford-Cambridge boat race has
been an annual fixture since 1829. The
two universities first met on the water in
1829, when a race was rowed at Henley
over a two-and-one-quarter-mile course
from Hamilton to Henley bridge. Oxford
was the winner. The second race was held
seven years later, over the course from
Westminster to Putney. Cambridge win-
ning. The next three races, rowed in
1832, 1840, and 1841, were all won by Cam-
bridge. Oxford gaining her second victory
in 1842.

The course selected in 1845 was from
Putney to Mortlake. This course meas-
ures approximately four and one-quarter
miles, and since 1864 has invariably been
used for the university contest. The re-
cord for the course is 18 minutes and 47
seconds, made by Oxford in 1893, and tied
in 1899 by Cambridge.

This year's race was the fifty-ninth
between the two universities. Oxford last
year won her thirty-third victory, and
previous to 1901 Cambridge had been the

winner twenty-four times. The race in
1877 resulted in a tie.

After the crews had stopped rowing it
was seen that several men in the Ox-
ford boat were in a very helpless con-
dition. Some of them lay over their oars,
winded and collapsed.

Among the most noticeably exhausted
was Mr. J. G. Milburn, who, it happens,
was the heaviest oarsman in either boat.
It was several minutes before they could
paddle their shells alongside their club's
steam launch, which took them down the
river to dress, but by that time they were
all fully recovered.

Press Had Difficulty.

The boat allotted to the press was one
of the ancient arks used for passenger
traffic on the Thames in summer, and
was quite unable to keep within sight of
the racers. The view was further ob-
scured by the rain.

When it was found that the river was
smooth the last hopes of the supporters
of Oxford died away. Their boat, de-
signed by Dr. Warre, headmaster of
Eton, suited only rough water, but the
big crowd nevertheless looked for a good
struggle. The "Westminster Gazette"
says:

"Nor did the knowing man forget that
the Oxonians included a couple of Yan-
kees, who—John G. Milburn notwithstanding—
were regarded by some as able to
exercise some magic spell for good over
the dark blue boat."

EASY FOR Y. M. C. A.

Defeated Sixth Battalion in a League Basketball Game.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team did
not have to exert itself very much last
night in its own gymnasium to defeat the
Sixth Battalion, as the score, 25 to 6, in-
dicates.

It was the last meeting for these teams
in the District Basketball League series
and drew quite a large crowd. The gal-
lant Sixth put up a good defensive game.
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halves and its goal was constantly being
assailed, and eight times the enemy suc-

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